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## Pay Reforms Make Session a Success For U.S. Employees

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The Morrison pay raise and the dual pay reforms made the 88th Congress a success for the 2.5 million Federal employees.



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Without the pay reforms, the Congress that adjourned over the weekend would have been a big bust for government employees. As it was, Congress took months to clear the pay legislation and it passed only a handful of employee bills and left dangling a dozen good measures.

CIA's retirement bill was the only employee measure to get through Congress in the last-minute adjournment rush. It represents a breakthrough by providing:

Retirement for those who have hazardous jobs at 50 after 20 years or at any age after 25 years at the option of both the employees and the agency. Only 800 can be retired under these provisions through 1974.

Also, survivors can be paid 55 per cent of the basic annuity and annuities will be raised 3 per cent when living costs rise by that amount. No other retirement bills of any consequence were approved.